whether any Public Sector undertaking incurred; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and how Government propose ot revamp such Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The equity capital of the puplic sector enterprises in the oil sector as on 31-3-92 has been furnished in Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXVII, ANNEXURE No. 22)

(b) The information has been furnished in the Annexures (See Appendix CLXVII, ANNEXURE No 23)

(c) The likely production in each undertaking during 1993-94 has been furnished in Annexure—(See Appendix CLXVII, ANNEXURE No. 24) The production targets are fixed on yearly basis. The extent of loss, if any, to be incurred by any PSU can not be assessed at this stage.

(d) Does not arise.

Small LPG Cylinder

1831. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appeared recently in the Indian Express, Delhi, under the caption "LPG small cylinder is deadly", if so, what is Government's reaction thereto

(b) Whether it is a fact that small cylinder are filled by tapping LPG from doemstic cylinders supplied by Oil companies; and

(c) Whether Government propose to take stringent action against the small cylinder dealers by bringing in necessary amendment to Explosives Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Oil Industry have taken action with the help of local administration against the Mini Gas Cylinder Manufacturers of Meerut. Oil Marketing Companies also carry out inspections to check pilferage of LPG for unauthorised filling of mini cylindeds.

(c) According to the Department of Industrial Development, 9 licence is required under Gas Cylinders Rules 1981 if the total quantity of gas in possession exceeds 160 kgs. at any one time.

M/S Parmar Refinery Corporaiton (India Ltd)

1832. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minster of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved and licenced M/s Parmar Refinery Corporation (India) Ltd. to erect Refinery and market LPG.

(b) what is the approved location and period require for putting the refinery in full operation; and

(c) whether the marketing of Petroleum products by Parmar would be controlled by pricing formula laid down by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Government of India has issued a Letter of Intent to M/s. International Petroleum SA (BVI), Switzerland to set up a 5 MMTPA oil refiniry at West Coast of Gujarat under 100 per cent export-Oriented Scheme. The entire production shall be exported to the general currency area/hard currency are a countries. 25 per cent. of the production is, however, allowed to be said in the domestic tariff area (DTA).

This 25 per cent production will be marketed as per the marketing and pricing disciplines in force.

Complaints on GAS Agencies Regarding Gas Connection in Sagar District

1833. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints were received regarding manipulations being done by the gas agencies in Sagar in issuance of gas connections to consumers at district dealers;

(b) if so, what are the names of those gas agencies and

(c) what action has been taken against the guilty dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. is investigating into the alleged malpractices involving their LPG distributor viz. M/s. Vineet Gas Agency at Sagar.

Opening Medium and Small Size Oil Fields to Joint & Private Sectors

1834 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the decision taken by Government to open out medium and small size oil fields to joint and private sectors;

(b) on what date, the bids were invited for each of the above fields; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in implementing the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The decision to offer 43 fields —12 medium and 31 small-sized oil and gas fields—for development was taken on 2nd July, 1992.

(b) The bids were invited through advertisements in leading newspapers on 24th August, 1992.

(c) There was no delay in implementing the decision. The time between taking the decision and inviting bids was required for putting together promotional material and getting the bidding document ready.

Konkan Railway Project

1835. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Konkan Railway Projects;

(b) what will be its length; what is its starting point and what is its destination; and

(c) this project is at present at what stage of completion and by when is the rest expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Konkan Railway Project covers construction of a 760 Kms. long new B.G. line on Western coast of India linking Roha near Bombay on the northern end to Mangalore on the southern end.

(c) 68 Kms. section between Mangalore-Udipi has already been opened to traffic and 48 Kms. long section between Roha and Veer is ready for opening. The project is targetted for completion in 1994-95, subject to availability of funds.